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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 40.6 degrees, 1.6 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, November 14. Precipitation averaged 0.49 inches, 0.31 inches below normal. Growing degree days were 11 points below normal.

Reporters rated 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, November 12. This is 0.9 days above last year and 0.1 days more the 1999-03 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

| | Current week | Previous week | Since 1 st week of April |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2004 | 5.0 | 2.9 | 141.5 |
| 2003 | 4.1 | 4.9 | 129.3 |
| 1999-2003 Average | 4.9 | 5.3 | 155.1 |

Topsoil Moisture

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|---------------------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| Current Week | 0 | 1 | 82 | 17 |
| Last Week | 0 | 1 | 70 | 29 |
| Same Week Last Year | 0 | 1 | 61 | 38 |
| 1999-2003 Average | 4 | 11 | 70 | 16 |

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 14

Reporters estimate 88 percent of **Corn** for grain has been harvested. This is four days ahead of last year and slightly ahead of the five-year average. Farmers have 92 percent of **Soybeans** harvested. This is about 12 days behind 2003 and 11 days behind the 1999-2003 average. Virtually all **Winter wheat** has been planted. Respondents estimate 95 percent of winter wheat has emerged. This four days behind last year but the same as the 1999-2003 average. The fourth cutting of **Alfalfa hay** is 95 percent complete, compared to 100 percent last year and 100 percent for the five-year average. Ninety-five percent of **Fall apples** have been harvested, compared to 100 percent in 2003 and 100 percent for the five year average.

Weather conditions last week were ideal for field work before storms moved in Thursday. Farmers have finished planting most of the wheat crop but many continue harvesting corn and soybeans. Those finished with harvesting concentrated on fall tillage and equipment preparation for winter storage. Producers hauled grain to local elevators, spread manure, and applied fertilizer. Delays in grain harvesting can be linked to high moisture content, bad weather and late planted crops.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Winter wheat was rated at 82 percent good to excellent condition compares to 79 percent last week. Respondents have indicated winter wheat looks very good.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 14

| Crop | 2004 | 2003 | 1999-03 Average | Previous Week | |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|-----------------|---------------|------|
| | | | | Ohio | U.S. |
| Alfalfa Hay 4 th cutting | 95 | 100 | 100 | 92 | NA |
| Apples harvested (fall) | 95 | 100 | 100 | 94 | NA |
| Corn harvested for grain | 88 | 83 | 87 | 78 | 76 |
| Soybeans harvested | 92 | 98 | 98 | 87 | 87 |
| Winter wheat planted | 100 | 100 | 99 | 97 | 91 |
| Winter wheat emerged | 95 | 98 | 95 | 87 | 83 |

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 14

| WINTER WHEAT | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|---------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Current Week | 1 | 1 | 16 | 57 | 25 |
| Previous Week | 0 | 2 | 19 | 62 | 17 |
| Previous Year | 0 | 2 | 16 | 63 | 19 |

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 14

| Region | Temperature | | Precipitation | | | | Growing Degree Days ^{1/} | | | |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|------------|-------------|-----------|
| | Last Week | Dev. | Last Week | Dev. | Since Apr.1 | Dev. | Last Week | Dev. | Since Apr.1 | Dev. |
| Northwest | 38.8 | -2.0 | 0.10 | -0.59 | 27.78 | 3.11 | 5 | -9 | 3144 | 1 |
| North Central | 39.4 | -2.0 | 0.28 | -0.48 | 29.80 | 4.24 | 4 | -11 | 3102 | 6 |
| Northeast | 39.4 | -2.1 | 0.06 | -0.81 | 34.32 | 6.89 | 5 | -10 | 2861 | -60 |
| West Central | 40.7 | -1.1 | 0.43 | -0.39 | 28.45 | 2.11 | 7 | -11 | 3352 | 60 |
| Central | 41.2 | -1.2 | 0.62 | -0.22 | 33.84 | 7.00 | 8 | -11 | 3428 | 93 |
| Central Hills | 39.6 | -1.6 | 0.31 | -0.51 | 36.84 | 9.80 | 5 | -11 | 3075 | -7 |
| Northeast Hills | 38.6 | -3.4 | 0.32 | -0.50 | 39.15 | 12.23 | 5 | -13 | 3085 | -46 |
| Southwest | 42.3 | -1.0 | 0.79 | -0.03 | 29.38 | 1.36 | 10 | -12 | 3573 | 79 |
| South Central | 43.0 | -1.0 | 1.02 | 0.27 | 37.27 | 10.55 | 15 | -12 | 3716 | 155 |
| Southeast | 41.3 | -1.4 | 0.73 | -0.10 | 37.69 | 10.69 | 12 | -10 | 3411 | 78 |
| STATE | 40.6 | -1.6 | 0.49 | -0.31 | 33.31 | 6.66 | 8 | -11 | 3298 | 42 |

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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